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Winter fun

A laughing ASES Grade 5 student Christina DeBoer reins in her friends at the winter chariot event, as part of the school's winter fun day on Friday. More photos are on page 3.

Times named one of Ontario's top three papers

The Minden Times has been judged one of the top three newspapers in Ontario and its editorial staff has won three writing awards in the Ontario Community Newspapers Association's Better Newspapers Awards competition.

This marks the first time The Times has placed in the top three in the general excellence category. Competing against newspapers from across the province, The Times has earned one of the top three spots among papers with a

circulation between 2,000 and 3,500. The actual ranking – first, second or third – will be announced at the OCNA's convention in early April.

Other finalists in this category are The Alliston Herald and The Hanover Post.

Allison Taylor's evocative profile of Boshkung Lake's Grace Irwin is a finalist in the features category, which is open to all community newspapers in Ontario regardless of circulation.

The other finalists are from the Barrie Advance and Vaughan Citizen.

As well, The Times is one of the top three winners of the Ontario Rural and Remote Development Journalism award. Several stories were submitted in this category, which is also open to all community newspapers. Ironically, The Times' sister newspaper, The Haliburton County Echo, is one of the other finalists. They're

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Shhh... Too much noise is soon against the law

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

A new noise bylaw to help keep the peace in Minden Hills is on the verge of becoming law.

"I think we have a masterpiece here that we can introduce to the rest of the county," said Councillor Ron Buchanan at a recent council meeting.

It has been months in the making, but Buchanan says the bylaw will stand up in court, which was a main concern of council. A municipal prosecutor, whom Buchanan says gave the go ahead to the bylaw, also reviewed the bylaw for the township. "She is prepared to prosecute this now," he said.

The bylaw states that no person can make "any noise or sound which disturbs the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of any other person."

At a recent Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, Reeve Ross Rigney recommended that council post the bylaw on the township's website to garner feedback from the general public for a 30-day period before allowing council to vote on it.

"We have a bylaw to look at now," Rigney said. "We should allow the public to have some reaction time."

Councillors had a mixed reaction to the bylaw, especially to a portion of the bylaw that provides exemptions for construc-

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Dorset Snowball

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Ban on septage spreading gives Algonquin Highlands a new headache

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

As if Algonquin Highlands council didn't have troubles enough...

For the past several months, council has been trying to get public approval for a winter storage septage lagoon. The lagoon would allow local "honey trucks" to empty holding tanks and store the contents until they can be disposed of in the spring. Until that lagoon is built, those honey trucks are parked for the winter.

The most popular way of disposing of the septage, however, is spreading it on fields and this spring the Ministry of Environment is expected to announce that this practice must be discontinued within the next five years.

As well, the Ministry's "proposed strategy for the five-year phase out of land application of untreated septage" gives municipalities the responsibility of coming up with an alternative.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario has "grave concerns" about such a huge task.

AMO is asking the province to undertake a full cost analysis of the financial burden this will place on municipalities, as well as provide details of the level of treatment required for septage. It feels there is also a need to do an assessment of existing and needed sewage treatment capacity to handle the amount of septage that can no longer go on fields.

"The [Ministry's] policy paper leads us to the conclusion that significant unfounded liability are likely," AMO says in a letter read at last Thursday's Algonquin Highlands council meeting. AMO is "particularly concerned that municipalities that do not have sufficient capacity to treat all septage generated within their boundaries will incur significant costs to either build sufficient capacity or to transport the septage to other treatment facilities."

Councillors nodded in agreement when CAO Gerald Bain, reading from AMO's letter, said "the location of new septage

treatment facilities will also likely become a very contentious issue amongst local residents.

"I don't know how they'd get that idea," Reeve Eleanor Harrison said with mock innocence.

The location of a winter storage lagoon in Algonquin Highlands has been highly contentious already, with heated responses to any proposed sites.

The municipality's topography makes the problem of untreated septage an even bigger issue. On some cottage or house lots, there's too much rock to allow a septic bed, leaving the property owner few options other than installing a holding tank, which must be emptied.

Councillor Kerry Lock also noted that for environmental reasons every septic system should be cleaned out every three years; that would involve every property in the municipality.

"The [Ministry] has to give us leeway," said Deputy-reeve Don Shortreed. He was worried that the municipality would go ahead with some sort of storage or treatment option only to later discover that the Ministry was about to stiffen the rules.

Harrison also agreed with the need for some flexibility. As the issue of the winter storage lagoon has revealed, dealing with septage from holding tanks "it's a very, very slow process."

The winter storage lagoon was discussed again when council received a letter from someone questioning the wisdom of building a lagoon and the risk it poses to lakes, and therefore people's health.

Council responded by saying something has to be done with the septage. It also noted that the Ministry says that spreading untreated waste on fields is more of an environmental hazard than a properly maintained lagoon.

"No matter where we put the lagoon, we're going to be near a water course," Harrison said. "When you look down [on the area] from an airplane, it's lake, lake, lake or water, water water."

"And if it's not water, it's rock," Councillor Tom Gardner said.



February fun at ASES

ASES Grade 6 student Kurran Devolin, above, is all smiles before he gets tugged in a winter activity during the winter fun day at the school on Friday. At left, Grade 4 student Rebecca Northey enjoys her pull during the winter chariot event. Below, ASES Grade 7 student Derek Carpenter throws a bean bag back to a participant in the blindfolded bean bag toss event.

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Outdoor educators Val Neumann and Denise Sauvé provided a snowshoe workshop for a small group at Camp Kandalore on Saturday, Feb. 15. They showed a variety of snowshoe types and constructions then provided instruction on how to snowshoe in the early afternoon. The workshop was a partnership between the Haliburton Outdoors Centres Internship program and the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours. Most of the snowshoes were provided by the Leslie M. Frost Centre. The series of outdoor workshops ends this weekend with a day of winter camping techniques. Call Trails and Tours at 286-1760 to register.

Daren Lum/TIMES



Overnight parking for water-access cottage being considered

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Is it a municipality's responsibility to ensure that everyone who owns a water-access property has a free place to park their cars during their stay?

While Algonquin Highlands does maintain some areas for overnight parking, in most cases, those areas were inherited from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Councillors aren't sure how far they should go in providing overnight parking in other areas.

Noting that water-access cottagers on Kawagama Lake pay to park at a local marina, Deputy-reeve Don Shortreed says "if you have to provide parking for every water-access property, you'll have a big issue here."

At last Thursday's council meeting, councillors were responding to a letter from an Oxtongue Lake cottager. He has an agreement with another property owner on the lake to park his car at that property overnight while he visits his water-access cottager, but he didn't feel comfortable relying on the generosity of others.

He said he used to be able to park on Harrison Road. In

the summer, however, the municipality put up a no overnight parking sign.

In that instance, council was responding to neighbours who complained that people were turning the site into a party/picnic area. By making restrictions, council was hoping to clean up the garbage and noise problem.

However, council wasn't sure whether the sign read no overnight parking or no overnight camping. It asked public works superintendent Brian Whetstone to check what the sign said. Since picnicking and camping aren't a problem in the winter, perhaps council could allow overnight parking at that time. Whetstone will first have to ascertain if parked cars would impede the snowplows.

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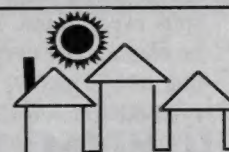
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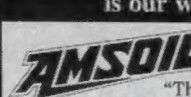
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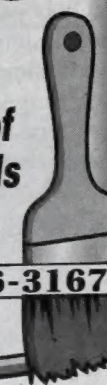


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Minden Hills agrees to another six months of emergency protocol

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

With six months of experience with the emergency response system under its belt, Minden Hills' committee-of-the-whole is recommending that the Minden Fire Department continue to test the program for another half of a year.

The first response system, in which the local fire department is automatically dispatched to medical calls and motor vehicle accidents, is a relatively new to the municipality and came into effect August 27, 2002. The fire department is not authorized to transport injured people, but at least 12 firefighters in Minden Hills have been trained to stabilize a person who has been injured until the ambulance arrives on the scene — if the ambulance has been delayed or is enroute.

"It's working out quite well," said Councillor Ron Buchanan who sits on the fire department committee.

At the end of December the pilot project was completed at the Lindsay Dispatch Centre, said Fire Chief Doug Schell, "and they found it useful."

"They found medical assistance was provided quickly and more efficiently...with fewer delays," he said.

Buchanan says the fire department has equipment and training that many of the other emergency vehicles might not have. For example, an ambulance is not equipped to turn cars over. Many times extra hands are helpful for car extractions and traffic control.

While the new program brings faster response time, it also brings a hefty price tag for the town-

ship. The extra calls for the fire department have amounted to approximately \$1,776.

With concerns about the increased costs to the fire department, Reeve Ross Rigney initially said the township should continue to test the pilot project and the inclusion of the fire department being called to medical calls before totally committing to the program.

"We need to make sure that our taxpayers know and really understand that there's always a cost to what we do," Rigney said.

For the first six months in Minden Hills, the township actually made money on the fire response service.

The fire department can make insurance claims and can be reimbursed by the Ministry of Transportation for motor vehicle accidents that occur on provincially-owned highways such as Highway 35, Schell said.

The township billed insurance for \$7,600, a profit of \$200, Buchanan said.

"It won't always be like that," Buchanan added. "We are heading into the summer which is a busy time of year."

Financial costs are not the only concerns. Council is also wary of injury and overuse of volunteer firefighters now that they are called away on more calls.

Councillor Bill Obee says the township also has to consider the employers of the firefighters.

"Costs to them aren't necessarily a dollar value but also a time value," he says.

Rigney says that Schell will have to ensure that only a minimal number of firefighters are called away.

Cost of false alarms rings warning bells

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Students and residents in Minden Hills should be educated on the implications of false fire alarms, says a local politician.

Councillor Peter Oyler raised the issue at a recent Minden Hills Committee-of-the-Whole meeting when councillors discussed the increase costs the township must pay for the fire department to participate in a first response program.

False alarms in Minden Hills generally come from Hyland Crest and Archie Stouffer Elementary School, said Fire Chief Doug Schell. The firefighters must respond to each call, which adds up for the municipality, which must foot the bill.

The problem is that the Minden Hills Fire Department doesn't currently have a static fire prevention/intervention program either the school or Hyland Crest.

Oyler asked if members of the fire department visit the schools to talk to the students about the implications of mischievously pulling fire alarms.

"Teachers know, but maybe kids don't know the implications," Oyler said, "I remember

firefighters talking to kids when I was young and the implications of pulling alarms was drilled into you."

Councillor Ron Buchanan, who sits on the Fire Department committee, says the department has been making more of an effort to make regular visits to the schools.

Instead of the township paying for the fire department to be called away on a false alarm, Oyler said there should be "severe penalties" for students, and anyone else, who pulls fire alarms without reason.

"If we let the [Trillium Lakelands School] Board and the school off the hook, shouldn't there be a price to pay for doing things that aren't right," he said.

Schell says that both the school and Hyland Crest regularly practise fire drills. Oyler asked if the fire department could, in the future, participate in the drills to help educate people about the implications of false alarms. He also recommended that the fire department visit with the principal of ASES to discuss adding fire prevention discussions with members of the Minden Hills Fire Department into the curriculum.

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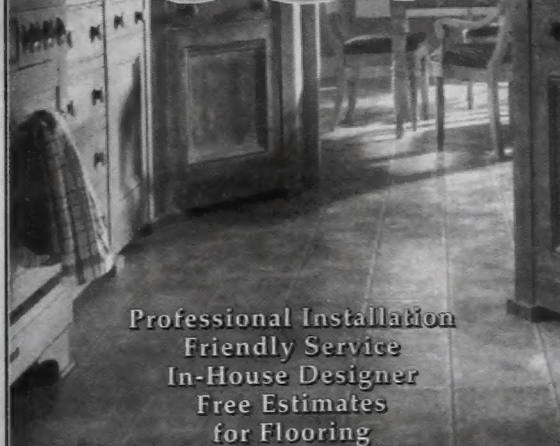
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Bat Lake making waves in its quest to ban motors

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Boat motors are not welcome by Bat Lake cottage owners who are working towards getting provincial and federal recognition of their wishes.

Dave Mackenzie and Bridgitte Gall led a meeting recently to discuss the process around making Bat Lake officially motor-less. They invited Wendy Pringle from Tacoma Lake to talk about what being motorless on her lake has meant for her cottage resort business.

Pringle explained the no motor boat rule for the small 45 hectare lake was grandfathered when the former Glamorgan Township was amalgamated into Highlands East. It had been motorless lake for about 20 years. Her business is now entering its fourth season and her customers love the quiet of the lake.

"I get a lot of good feedback. Some lakes do [the ban] by horsepower. We don't allow any props at all because in shallow areas it could disturb the fish. We get comments like, 'I didn't know that was possible.' People often remark on how clean the water is," says Pringle.

She says it has been interesting to watch the growing trend towards motorless lakes. When her resort opened, she says, the banks did not want to lend her money because they said no one would come if they could not go out on a boat. Tax assessors had nothing to compare her property to but now that it has proven to be successful, she has noticed her assessment dramatically increase.

Mackenzie says he and Gall shocked their real estate agent in 1999 when they explained that they were a young couple in their 30s but wanted a quiet motorless place. However, he says, since then they have been told the agent has seen more buyers with similar interests.

Gall and Mackenzie were then surprised to learn that although there had been a bylaw passed in 1999 in the

Sheryl Loucks/TIMES



A group of cottage/home owners on Bat Lake met recently to discuss having the lake provincial recognized as being a boat motor free lake. From left to right are Katrina Shaddock, Wendy Pringle, Hans Walter, Tim and Hellen Koivusalo, Bridgitte Gall and Dave Mackenzie.

former Anson, Minden and Hinden township, the municipality did not proceed to get the necessary provincial and federal recognition to make it enforceable. Gall explained their meeting is part of the public consultation process they are required to do in order to get Bat Lake officially designated as motorless.

The process is lengthy and detailed in the amount of material they have to provide first to the Ministry of Natural Resources to prove they have the support of the residents and municipality. Then the MNR reviews the material and passes it on to the office of the Superintendent of Boating Restrictions and Regulations, who in turn passes it on to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans at the federal level.

The couple has polled the lake and have support from everyone except for one owner. There are only 17 cottages, including three or four that are not used. Her concern is about some of the cottages that are rented out. The permanent residents want the rules to be clear for those coming up for a few weeks that they can not bring personal watercraft or power boats on the lake.

Her husband Mackenzie says they do not want a gated community; rather, they want to preserve the ecology of the lake.

He says Bat Lake is spring fed with a small outflow at the other end into a creek but the drainage is very slow and almost stagnant. He says right now it is teeming with birds and wildlife and that is how they want to keep it.

It has not always been this way. Katrina Shaddock, a cottager on the lake, says about 20 years ago they watched in horror as the lake slowly died. The frogs left, the water became heavily silted and clogged with weeds and algae. Tim Koivusalo, who has been a lake steward, says it was an alarming wake up call and they all had to start paying very close attention to what they as cottagers were putting into the lake.

The group remains confident they should be able to proceed since there have been no written opposition yet and no one came to the meeting with any negative comments. In fact a few people from other lakes such as East Moore Lake and Minden Lake came because they wanted to support them and find out more about the process.



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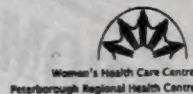
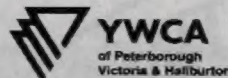
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by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed by Haliburton County Council on February 19.

County council has approved the purchase of two new ambulances and five new defibrillators at a total cost of \$357,978, half of which the provincial government will pay for.

Bob English, manager of emergency services, says that the county owns five ambulances. One will come off the road and be replaced this fall, while another will be replaced this spring. He says ambulances have a life span of four and a half years or 300,000 km.

The ambulances are put through a comprehensive preventative maintenance schedule and it has paid off for the service. There have only been two instances in two years when a tow truck was needed for an ambulance, including a punctured tire.

English says the defibrillators they have were near the end of their life span when emergency services took over from the province two years ago. The five new machines are needed but will also provide an up-grade in technology that will allow paramedics to do more diagnostic testing.

The price of the five defibrillators, one for each ambulance in the fleet, is \$154,578 which includes a five-year service, parts, labour and repair agreement.

CANOE FM request

Representatives of Canoe FM have asked the county for a one time grant of \$40,000 to get the station on the air.

The CRTC has recently approved the

licence for the non-profit station. David Sovereign said volunteers have raised approximately \$60,000 in just under two years.

His pitch to the county was based on how CANOE will be the only station to have a strong consistent single sent out to every corner of the county. The programming will also be community-based and inclusive.

"We have a great deal of local musical and theatrical talent and would like to play individual's recordings and eventually be able to broadcast from concerts... Our objective is to be on the air daily from 6 a.m. to midnight to be a forum for locals to share their knowledge and talent," says Sovereign.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he would like to support CANOE FM and stressed the important role the station can play to tie the county together.

Councillors asked whether other granting bodies had been approached. Sovereign said they had been hobbled until recently because they did not have a radio licence. They are also limited by CRTC regulations in the amount of advertising they can sell.

County Warden Ross Rigney said the request needed to be put in writing to be forwarded for budget considerations. He told the station organizers that "we're excited it's finally happening."

Smoking bylaw

Fearrey put forward a notice of motion for the March session of county council that a bylaw be prepared to prohibit smoking in all county-owned buildings.

The intention of such a bylaw would be to permanently ban smoking in all county-owned buildings. Fearrey says he was

not sure why such a bylaw had not been drafted earlier since it exists in many other municipalities.

In a later discussion, Fearrey asked Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman to collect information about the enforcement of a bylaw creating a no-smoking ban in public places. Tallman was going to a meeting of the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit the next day.

Fearrey says that if council is going to embark on such a ban, as the health unit has recently publicly lobbied it to do, then he would like more information on how enforcement works and who is responsible for it.

Doctor recruitment

Gary King, Chief Administrative Officer, has received a letter indicating that the province would not consider an application to have the entire county considered under-served and therefore qualify for more doctors.

Councillors, however, remained adamant that they have to push for a county-wide designation in order to create a level playing field among the four municipalities and because the Haliburton Highlands Health Services is a paid for by ratepayers across the county.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison says her municipality was turned down on their application for a nurse practitioner for Dorset because the area is not classed as under-served. At this time only Minden Hills is. She says without a hospital facility, Algonquin Highlands is getting completely left out of the loop.

Keith Tallman says he is only willing to sign on to a county-wide designation if it will mean getting a doctor for his municipality.

Rigney, Warden and Minden Hills Reeve, says the formula needs to be looked at again because people in his municipality are going to doctors in Haliburton. He added the formula as it exists now suggests that, based on the county's population, only one and a half more doctors are necessary.

"And we know that's not the case. We have to give these guys (in the Ministry of Health) new opportunity for thinking. You've got 10 doctors in Haliburton and we've got one and a half (in Minden). We need four more in our catchment area from Kinmount to Kirkfield," says Rigney.

"But we're not allowed to count those numbers," Harrison reminded him.

Fearrey asked why they should not let the doctors choose where they want to practice instead of trying to dictate it to them. He also warned council that they should be careful not to lose provincial support for the doctors they do have.

Councillors seemed to reach an agreement that they need to pressure the ministry for a more level playing field in health care.

MPAC

Fearrey put forward a motion that Finance Minister Janet Ecker be asked to reconsider her position regarding the monopoly of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation so that municipalities are not starved of income as a result of delinquent assessments.

Fearrey would like to see more competition so that municipalities are not held ransom by an agency that has not, in the case of Dysart, provided the services for which they are being paid.

The motion was unanimously passed.



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Early bird gets the shaft

Early morning construction could grind to a halt in Minden Hills if council passes a proposed bylaw restricting noise within the municipality's boundaries.

A committee of the whole meeting of Minden Hills council recently saw some heated discussion on the subject. Councillor Ingram Wessell, who is the owner of a construction business, argued that the proposal to restrict noise-producing construction to the hours from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. is unreasonable. He said his crew usually starts at 5 a.m. in the summer. Presumably, taking advantage of extended daylight hours over the summer months helps to make up for the shorter days of winter. As anyone in the construction business will tell you – time is money.

Obviously, nobody wants to endure noise, construction noise or otherwise, at unreasonable hours. Is the sound of a dump truck rumbling by between 5 and 7 a.m. unreasonable? Is the sound of roads crews clearing snow at 5 or 6 in the morning unreasonable?

Don't you just hate the sound of a loader with its incessant beep, beep, beep when it is in reverse? Most loaders make that sound whether they are moving snow or A-gravel.

Roads Superintendent Kevin Hill and Chief Building Official Fraser MacDonald both pointed out that municipal employees would be breaking the provisions of such a bylaw if they continued to operate as they normally do. Hill explained that his crews start at 5:30 a.m. in order to get as much as possible done before the morning rush of traffic.

We understand council may be prepared to make concessions for municipal construction workers. Councillor Peter Oyler is quoted as saying: "The municipality is different. We can exempt the municipal operations from the time restrictions, but 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. is quite reasonable for private construction companies."

It seems to us noise is noise. It doesn't matter to someone who is trying to sleep if a truck, loader or other heavy equipment is being operated by a municipal employee or the employee or owner of a private company. A loader, bulldozer, backhoe or tri-axle dump truck sounds the same no matter who is driving it.

How can you reasonably expect anyone to respect a bylaw that, in effect says, "do as I say, not as I do!" You can't. Any construction business owner would be justified in protesting on grounds of discrimination.

It's quite apparent that what qualifies as noise to Councillor Oyler is music to Councillor Wessell's ears. It's easy to see why these two individuals locked horns on this issue. They are examining the subject from completely opposite directions – the annoyance factor of noise pollution versus a threat to livelihood.

The wording of the proposed bylaw would prohibit: "Any noise or sound which disturbs the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of any other person." That's a pretty broad brush! Taken literally, it could be applied to any number of legitimate activities.

There is a solution. Rather than restrict construction business owners and municipal roads crews to a 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. schedule, council could pass a bylaw which prohibits sleeping past 5 a.m. The penalty for sleeping beyond the 5 a.m. deadline would be to have Kevin Hill round up a crew, complete with noisy equipment and, beginning at 5 a.m., do some road work outside the offender's residence for several days consecutively.

We can almost see the "do not disturb, residents sleeping" signs going out on the front doors of the homes along North Water Street now.

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A welcome sight near Gelert

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Fire sheds light on generosity

To the Editor:

There's nothing like a small town family.

I'm writing this letter as a special thank you as well as a keepsake to remember the events of Monday and Tuesday, February 10 and 11.

If there are any errors, please accept my apologies.

Monday night, Greg Harrison saw smoke coming from the shed and called the fire department. He then came to the store and got the attention of the floor cleaner. The cleaner told my son Don that there was a fire out back. Don went out back and, seeing the flames, used the fire hose to start spraying the fire with the help of OPP Staff Sergeant Bob Walli.

Within five minutes, the Minden Fire Department arrived. Haliburton's Fire Department showed up shortly after for what was to be a long, cold night.

I was out of town when I received the call about the fire and it took an hour to get home, all the time worrying about everyone and everything since I had no idea as to the

extent.

When Linda and I pulled around the corner into town about 10:30 p.m. and saw all the smoke from the back shed, as well as smoke around the edges of the main store, we thought we'd lost the main store.

I came around the back of the store and saw all the firemen spraying water. The flames were almost out and there was no damage to the main store. The back door into the main store was open and, upon entering the store, there were just as many firemen and volunteers in the store taking a break.

To the Minden and Haliburton Fire Departments: Putting out the fire and saving the main store was more than a miracle, it was damn near an impossibility. No words can describe the thanks that my family and I want to convey. There is no one who could have done a better job. You responded quickly, worked as one heck of a team and did a superb job, even when you were dead tired and cold.

The staff also thanks you more than you see Community page 9

IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

It's time to talk turkey

From genetic engineering to changes in fashion, people just can't seem to leave well enough alone. If they did, painter pants and tube tops would be all the rage and I'd still have shag cut instead of this sleek and stylish head of hair.

But progress isn't always this wonderful. A headline from today's news wire made this perfectly clear.

Bold as brass, it read: NATO APPROVES ARMS FOR TURKEY.

Since, I was short on time, I didn't actually read the story. Like most people, I'm fully aware that the facts therein would unduly influence my preconceived notions. In any case, the headline said it all. But as I walked away, I had to ask myself the million-dollar question: why would anyone want to put arms on a turkey?

First of all, maybe I'm old fashioned, but it seems to me that turkeys were meant to have wings and not arms. So

who are we to mess around with God's plan? Secondly, with the world on the brink of war, with the ozone layer depleting, and with Wayne Newton still tormenting audiences in Las Vegas, you'd think that modern science would have better things to do than put additional limbs on barnyard fowl.

Apparently not. No sir, thanks to NATO, which I believe stands for North American Turkey Organization, I imagine we'll soon be seeing genetically modified birds with muscular arms.

God knows, I'm not the sort of person to jump to conclusions but I can see the day when we'll be sitting at the Thanksgiving table and the kids will be fighting over

the white meat on the biceps. As if the holidays weren't complicated enough.

For the life of me, I can't figure out what the benefit of this genetic roulette

will be. As a turkey hunter, this just makes my old decoys obsolete. And I don't imagine that turkey farmers will be too pleased either. I mean, aren't they hard enough to catch already?

Worse than that, aren't turkeys and chicken fierce rivals? Turkeys are already

bigger and stronger. Give them arms and it'd be all out war. I don't know about you, but if I were a farmer, the last thing I'd want is my kid going out into the barn yard only to

see some turkey choking the chicken.

And what about the possibility of escape? After years of being cooped up,

turkeys with arms could probably learn to let themselves out. Especially, if at the end of those arms, they were given chicken fingers.

With these considered thoughts in mind, I saw it as my social duty to take informed action. That's why, soon after, I gave a fellow at the turkey marketing board a call and voiced all these concerns. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that he wasn't up on current affairs. In fact, he just seemed speechless and confused about the whole issue. Still, I made it clear that I'd rather gnaw on crisp turkey wings than on succulent arms. In fact, I told him I was a wing nut. And that's when he said that he couldn't agree more. Shortly after, he hung up.

Of course, I guess all this is all on the drawing board right now. And it doesn't even seem like much of an issue as of yet. But believe me, if it does come to pass, the media will be sure to gobble this right up.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Cycle psychology

The bicycle has done more to emancipate women than anything in the world.

Susan B. Anthony

A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle.

Gloria Steinem

It's been a long and somewhat bumpy ride for the familiar two-wheeler.

Baron Von Drais started it all. Away back in 1817 the eccentric German hammered together a contraption that became known as the Draisienne. It was made of wood, with a seat and handle bars, but no pedals. In order to ride the Draisienne, you had to shuffle your feet along the ground. The Draisienne did not go platinum.

A couple of decades later, a Scotsman by the name of Macmillan clapped a pair of wheels onto Von Drais's hobby horse. They were connected by swinging cranks on the front wheel which were connected to rods and levers to the back wheel. The whole thing was made of iron and weighed about 60 pounds. It, too, was something less than a best-seller.

In 1870 the first real bicycle, the Penny Farthing, was invented. It got its name from the difference in size between the

wheels – the front wheel looked like a big English penny, the back wheel like a tiny farthing. It took a lot of skill to stay upright on the Penny Farthing and even if you did, the ride was bone-crushing, thanks to the solid tires.

By the time I came along, which is to say firmly nestled in the glut of post World War Two baby boomers, the bicycle makers pretty much had it right. Their new improved product was light, the tires were filled with air, the seats were soft and the pedaling, thanks to a chain-drive, was easy.

I still remember my very first bike. It was a blue and white, CCM one-speed with a leather seat and a push bell screwed to the handlebars. Why, I cut my teeth (my shins and knuckles, actually) on that piece of technological wizardry.

State of the art. Yep, by the middle of the 20th century, bicycles had gone about as far as they could go.

Not.

No one was aware of it, but the winds of change were already licking at kick stands of the bicycle world as we knew it. One day, Tommy Farmer rode into the schoolground pedaling what might as

well have been a UFO. It was a racing bike with drop handle bars and brakes mounted on the handlebars right next to a little gizmo none of us had seen before.

It was a chrome-plated Sturmey-Archer gearshift with a tiny lever you could move with your thumb. Imagine! A bicycle with three speeds – first, second and third!

Suddenly the rest of us felt like we were riding Draisienes.

But of course it was only the beginning. Europeans invented derailleurs which led

to the creation of five-speed bikes and then ten-speed bikes. The concept of getting off and walking a bike up a steep hill became almost unthinkable.

And even that was the Dark Ages. In the 1980's, some bike boffin came up with the idea of adding cogs to the rear

gear cluster. Suddenly bikes appeared with 15, 18 even 21 and 24 gears. Mountain bikes appeared – ungainly hulks with great nubby tires and complicated suspension systems.

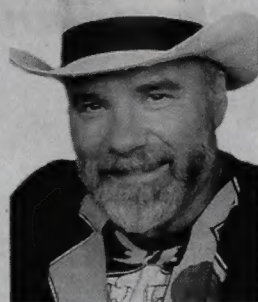
Serious cyclists debated the relative merits of brakes from Japan, sprockets from Italy and featherweight magnesium-alloy toe baskets from Czechoslovakia. My first bike, mint-fresh from the CCM factory, set my dad back a whopping \$29.95. Today, you can pay more than that for a pair of cycling gloves – and they won't even have fingers.

Or, if you really want to wow your cycling friends the way Tommy Farmer wowed us 'way back in the '50's – buy yourself an Urbanite.

You can order one from Urbane Cyclist, a shop in Toronto. Urbanites sell for \$750 per and they are cutting edge trendy, with great colours, happening handlebars, a 'way cool imitation-leather saddle...

And, oh yes – no gears. The Urbanite is a single-speed bike, just like the ones the kamikaze bike couriers ride in the big city.

Just like the old CCM I learned to ride on half a century ago, as a matter of fact. No difference, really.



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Community shows huge support after store fire

from page 8

know, because by saving the main store, you saved 50 jobs. Congratulations!

To the wives and employers of the firefighters: A special thank you for the loss of the firemen for a few days because they were certainly tired and worn out after this one.

The resources that are available to the fire department due to the firefighters' places of employment, such as fuel and equipment, are also a plus in a small town.

After all the ice and damage to the building, to see one of the trucks start and drive out of the [remains of the] shed was hard to believe.

The next part shows the true meaning of a small town. The comfort and warm feel-

ing that comes over you from such actions is indescribable. It shows the true meaning of a family when tragedy strikes.

- The ambulance service being on hand in case someone was hurt.

- The police closing the roads and directing traffic due to the amount of water running down the street.

- Leanne and Calvin Mann (Minden Taxi) calling family about the fire.

- Calvin running around town picking up food.

- Food from Godfather's Pizza and Subway.

- Leanne Gartshore, Sherry Stromberg, Andrea Crego and Tanya McDuff serving

MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

food.

- Rod Titus, Paul Walker and Pete Walker digging a trench to direct the

water away from the Medical Clinic and the Minden Animal Clinic.

- Leanne and Sherry cleaning water from the floor of the main store until the wee hours of the morning.

- Ron Buchanan, Barry Shaw, Clayt Wray, Wade Barry, Kevin Bowron, Hector Comeau and Mark Comeau doing whatever was needed.

- Prentices cleaning out the fire hydrant and sanding the yard.

- Sid Stamp Fuels for fuel for the trucks.

- Danny Garbutt for the use of the tow truck.

- Emmerson Lumber for the use of your truck.

- The Fair Board and Alfredo Rico for the use of their buildings.

- JAC Kernohan, Haliburton Lumber, Kellhobby and BJ Connelly for your offers.

To anyone I missed, thank you very much.

This is why I call Minden my home ; because there isn't anything like the support that this town gives when something happens.

John Pentney
Minden

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Dorset has a ball in the snow

More than 1500 people enjoy two days of winter fun at the 13th annual winter carnival

The Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival celebrated its 13th year with 1600 of its closest friends from all over Ontario from Friday, Feb. 14 to Saturday, Feb. 15. Children and adults of all ages enjoyed the live shows such as "The Ben Show", a variety act including juggling and unicycle riding. Other activities included tobogganing, dogsled rides, mini-snowmobile rides, broomball and karaoke singing.

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Games produce lots of happy winners

by MELISSA ALFANO
Dorset correspondent

Winners of the Adult Broomball Tournament for the third year in a row are the Muskoka Knights. They didn't win by a landslide and had to fight for the cup against such teams as the Fiery Grill, The Dorset Fire Department, The Dorset Penguins, The Dorset Research Centre and Kawagama Lake. All had a great time despite the frigid temperature. Congratulations Muskoka Knights! Thank you to Joe Alfano, Hugh Reynolds and Adam Jones for organizing this event.

There were three categories in the Snow Shoe Race beginning with 18 years and up. Winners were, in first place, Terry Kowalenko, in second was Joey Freiburger and third was Sandra Jackson. In the 12 to 18 years category winners were Meg Wallace in first, Sarah Alexander in second and Nicki Malone in third. In the 11 and under category winners were Cole Greenaway in first, Brent Card in second and Shane Connon in third. Thank you to Laura and Stephen Smith for organizing this event. A great time was had by all!

First prize, a homemade quilt, in the
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Smiling at winter in Dorset



Holes-in-one earn prize

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Dorset Heritage Museum Draw went to Barry Morrison. Diane Lawrence won the wooden boxes, second prize and third, moccasins, went to Stanley Comfort.

The Dorset Heritage Museum's First Mini Putt Challenge's first prize, a putter and sleeve of balls, donated by Sports Excellence of Huntsville, went to Richard Chatelain for the most holes in one. Sarah McKeown won a dozen golf balls, donated by The Wallace Group, for second prize. Becky McKeown won a T-shirt from the Dorset Fire Department for third and fourth, a First Aid Flip Guide, also from the Dorset Fire Department, went to Bill Morcombe.

Once again, the 13th annual Hockey Program at the Dorset Snowball was a

huge success. There was an afternoon shoot-out, a shinny hockey game and an evening old time outdoor hockey game. More than two dozen players (young and old) participated, with prizes donated by Tower Hill Marine. The sun was out, the ice was great and nobody complained of the cold. Thank you to Chris Bennett and Grace McEachern for playing in goal.

The evening "Hockey Night in Dorset" game started with the official puck drop by Mr. Lorne Greenaway and his youngest grandson Shea Greenaway. The game went well and ended in a 5-5 tie.

The Dorset Hounds goaltender, Grace McEachern, and the Lake of Bays Oldtimers goaltender, Riley Towns, played well. Graham Lonsdale was chosen Most Valuable Player.

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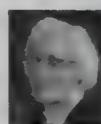
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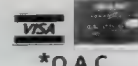
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Laurie Scott wins PC nod for riding

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times Staff

With a show of overwhelming support, voters at the February 15 Progressive Conservative nomination meeting in Lindsay elected Laurie Scott to represent the Haliburton-Victoria-Brock riding in the next provincial election.

Paul Lummiss was the first to speak. His presentation was smooth and confident, but it wasn't enough to sway the voters who overwhelmingly supported Scott.

"We had 372 people register today and 348 votes cast," riding association vice president Sal Polito announced after the ballots had been counted. "Paul Lummiss received 17 and your new candidate for Haliburton-Victoria-Brock, Laurie Scott, received 331 votes."

Drew Gunsolus, a Lindsay lawyer, nominated Scott. "I'm sure you'd all agree, she had a great teacher, mentor and father in Bill. Laurie offers something no other candidate can, she already knows her way around government bureaucracy, she knows how to get things done and she knows how to make government work for people," Gunsolus said. "I believe that health will continue to be burning issue in this province and throughout Canada. Who better to put forward our concerns and needs than someone who has actually rolled up her sleeves and worked within the health care system as a registered nurse — hands-on, real patient care. I

believe Laurie knows and understands health care and the needs of our caregivers, our hospitals and those most affecting patients.

"Laurie is not from the north or south of this riding; she's not from the left or the right of this great party; she has grown up in its very centre. I know that Laurie Scott will serve this riding with class, distinction and determination."

The nomination was seconded by Haliburton resident Murray Fearrey. "Honesty, integrity, intelligence, historical roots and an intimate knowledge of the riding; a candidate who can resonate with the working families; a candidate who understands the farming community and understands small business to her understanding of health care from her chosen profession — Laurie Scott is a well-balanced individual who will represent the people of this riding and their issues," Fearrey said.

In her speech leading up to the vote, Scott said one choice for leader of the province for the next four or five years is the New Democratic Party's Howard Hampton. "I don't think we want to go back there again," she said.

Another choice will be the Liberal party and its leader Dalton McGinty. Regarding McGinty, Scott said, "he looks tired, confused and out in the cold, and the campaign hasn't even started yet."

Fortunately for the people of this province, she said, the third option is far



Laurie Scott, centre, celebrated her win with riding president Dale Walker and retiring MPP Chris Hodgson.

more appealing. "Ernie Eves is the man who engineered the economic turnaround in the '90s as minister of finance, cut taxes more than 150 times and represented the rural riding next to our own for almost 20 years."

Scott said when any political party is in power for any length of time, mistakes are bound to be made. She said the PC party was different from the Liberals because the Tories are willing to admit their mistakes and take the necessary action to correct them. "It stands to reason that if you do a lot of things, you will make a few mistakes," she said. "What's important is whenever they did make a mistake, they admitted it, corrected it and moved on. Compare that to the Liberal gang on Parliament Hill. Daily, those guys demonstrate a level of arrogance that is unbelievable. When they make a mistake, all they care about is trying to cover it up."

Dalton McGinty is no better than Jean Chretien."

She said she grew up in a home where community service was not only viewed as one of the highest values one could aspire to, but a way of life. She credits that lifestyle with her inspiration to become a registered nurse.

With her experience as a nurse, she said she knows how people feel about health care. "Just last week someone asked me how, as a nurse, I could support Ernie Eves. My response was immediate. If you care about health care, how could you possibly support anyone else? In 1995, after 10 years of Liberal and NDP misrule, our Progressive Conservative government took over a health care system that received \$17.4-billion in provincial funding. In 2003, the Ernie Eves government will provide more than \$25-billion. That's almost a 50 per cent increase."

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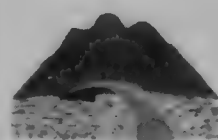
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We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Chief says thanks

To the Editor:

The Minden Hills Fire Department would like to thank everyone in the community who helped out at the fire on Monday and Tuesday, February 10 and 11, 2003 at the Minden Home Hardware.

Special thanks to: The Dysart Fire Department; Haliburton Highlands OPP Staff Sergeant Bob Walli and staff; EMS Manager Bob English and staff; Stanhope Fire Department (on stand-by); John, Linda, Dave and Bonnie Pentney and staff; Subway; Godfathers Pizza; Westside Jug City; Mr. D's Donuts; Minden Taxi; Jerry Harrison; Tom Prentice and Sons; Highlands Towing; Sid Stamp Fuels; Ron Buchanan.

The help of these generous people and businesses enabled us to bring this potentially disastrous situation to a successful conclusion. We apologize if we missed anyone.

Doug Schell
Minden Hills Fire Chief

Drivers should look at habits

To the Editor:

Re: Beware Intersection 503 and 507.

I find it interesting that every time someone has an accident it is someone else's fault. When travelling north on Highway 507 from Peterborough, you encounter warning signs indicating a stop sign ahead. The intersection also has a flashing red light facing north and south, and an amber light facing east and west. The intersection is very flat on the south side of Highway 503 with clear sight lines and receives regular winter maintenance. With all these factors taken into consideration, and having traversed this intersection many times in the winter and never having had a problem stopping, I suggest drivers stop looking for moral support and look at their own driving habits.

Brian D. Nicholson,
Haliburton

Anti-hunting view vilifies guns

To the Editor:

Re: The hunting debate Fred Simmons' bear (inadvertently) started.

I think the thing I find the most tiresome about the anti-hunting, anti-gun voice is its politically-correct, righteous posture; its strident, almost maniacal desire to exert control over others from a position of misinformation and half-truth. That voice vilifies the gun and demonizes the hunter while at the same time allowing violent lawbreakers to deal themselves out of prison. According to the popularized perception, all gun carriers are equally threatening, whether the gun carrier is a duck hunter or an armed felon. The injustice inherent in that perception is the crux of the hunting debate.

We can argue the environmental impact of shooting wild animals and its ethical relevance until the cows come home. That debate is a smoke-screen that clouds the real issue. The guy who wants to go out tramping around in the bush with the intention of shooting a wild animal does no harm to society. The guy who breaks into a convenience store with the intention of stealing money and striking down anyone who gets in his way does society enormous harm. To look at them both in the same light is, to say the least, unfair. I hope I can say that stridently enough to be heard above the politically-correct din.

As for the idea that the "ethical hunter" is a laughable fantasy, I would invite the author of that remark to sit down for a couple of hours and talk to — no, listen to — a seasoned outdoorsman, a guy who grew up tramping around in the bush, often with the intention of shooting a wild animal, and you will see a picture of ethics emerge before your eyes. You'll learn how it is indeed possible — no, essential — to care about

the animals you hunt. You'll get some inkling of what it is to truly embrace the wilderness into your life. You can't appreciate what you don't understand and you can't understand what you fear. And hunters are feared, aren't they, because they use guns.

And the environmental impact? Apparently, because human civilization has encroached so irrevocably upon the wild, animal herds are threatened sometimes by the natural swinging of the predatorial pendulum and by factors of climate, therefore hunting becomes a useful tool in maintaining sustainable populations. To be honest, I don't fully understand how this works, and obviously most of the other letter-writers don't either! One thing I know for sure — neither the black bear nor the white-tailed deer are endangered species. Spend some time around my place next spring and you'll get ample evidence of that.

Joy Mann,
Carnarvon

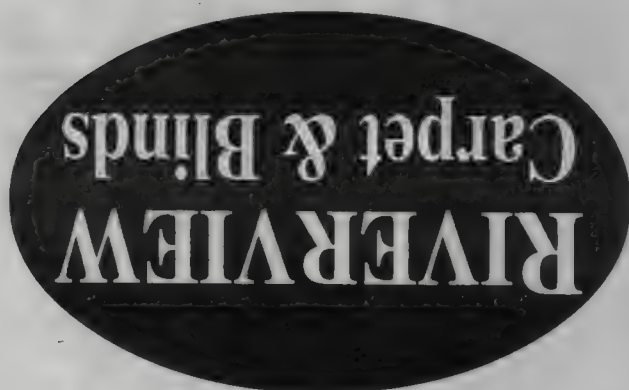
Parking fine at least \$300

To the Editor:

In the council briefs in the February 17 edition of *The Times*, when you referred to the fines for parking in a handicapped designated parking spot, it was stated that the fine "could be as high as \$300." The Ontario Disabilities Act states that the "minimum fine is \$300."

I hope this clarifies any misunderstanding that may have arisen from the quote.

Bill Obee
Councillor, Ward One



Notice to Truckers 2003 Spring Load Restrictions

As outlined in the *Highway Traffic Act*, reduced loading will be in effect in the Huntsville District of the Ministry of Transportation effective 12:01 a.m., March 1, 2003.

The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act, unless otherwise specified are not valid on any highways during the Reduced Loads Period.

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520 - Hwy. 124, north to the Hamlet of Ardbeg;

612 - The Muskoka/Parry Sound district boundary, north to Hwy. 69;

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Councillors get in loud debate over Minden's proposed noise bylaw

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tion workers between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. On Sundays and statutory holidays, the township will permit construction related noise from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Councillor Ingram Wessell, who owns an aggregate construction company, says that construction crews should be allowed to start earlier in the morning. He was concerned that if his crew started before 7 a.m., then they could be slapped with a noise bylaw violation.

"Our crews start at 5 a.m. in the summer," he said. "It's too late for us to be getting started at 7 a.m."

Roads Superintendent Kevin Hill said the township generally starts work around 5:30 a.m. in order to do as much road work

before traffic starts, and to avoid interfering with local shoppers.

"Our own township will be breaking the bylaw," said Chief Building Official Fraser MacDonald.

Recognizing Wessell's concerns with the time restrictions, Councillor Peter Oyler said there should be limits. "People deserve quiet."

"The municipality is different...We can exempt the municipal operations from the time exemptions but 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. is quite reasonable for private construction companies," Oyler said.

Wessell, who raised his voice, asked Oyler if he would feel different if he owned his own company.

"No," Oyler said also raising his voice. "I'm not sitting here looking at my own self interests. The municipality serves the gener-

al population. You're in it as a business owner and for your own good. [The township] is not making money on it, we are providing a service that people pay taxes for."

Wessell said that the township should not be given privilege over the private business owners. "Why am I being picked on. We're the guys paying the taxes," Wessell said.

Since the township's main industry is tourism, Buchanan says Minden Hills will have to consider that many cottagers, who visit the area for peace and quiet, do not want to be woken before 7 a.m.

Wessell said he was willing to compromise to a 6 a.m. start, and to allow a time exemption for municipal crews.

The bylaw will appear before council in March once the township has received feedback from residents.

Times is up for four provincial awards

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competing against the *Sioux Lookout Wawatay News*.

Columnist Steve Galea is going for a hattrick at the OCNA. Last year he was judged as the best humour writer in Ontario and won a similar honour for top columnist the year before. He's up for best humour columnist again.

"These awards represent a significant achievement for *The Times*," says Managing Editor Martha Perkins. "The competition is very tough and we think it's a real honour to place in the top three. It also proves that *The Times* has earned the respect of its peers."

She had special praise for Taylor whose dedication to her craft and to the newspaper have been exemplary.

"Allison is relatively new to the newspaper world and it's truly high praise to do so well in her first year of competition."

Women in Lebanon write World Day of Prayer

Christians around the world will be focusing on the country of Lebanon during the annual World Day of Prayer service. Local residents are invited to join in this worldwide event by attending a service at 7:30 p.m. on Fri., Mar. 7 at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton.

This year's World Day of Prayer service, written by the women of Lebanon, reflects on the theme "Holy Spirit: Fill Us". The Lebanese women greet all those participating in this service by saying, "Ahlan wa Sahlan!", which means "Welcome!"

Lebanon still suffers from political and economic problems and unrest following 17 years of civil war. The country is now trying to rebuild its economy and find peace and stability despite ongoing Middle East conflict. The women of Lebanon are asking all groups around the world who are celebrating the World Day of Prayer with them to plant a tree in solidarity with the Lebanese people who are trying to replant areas that were devastated by the war.

People who attend the World Day of Prayer not only learn more about this beautiful country and its unique culture and heritage, but are also joining Christians in more than 170 countries and 2,000 communities across Canada who will gather together to pray and take action in solidarity with the people of Lebanon.

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Winning friendships highlight 2002-'03 HHSS Women's volleyball season

by **DARREN LUM**
Times staff

One year after hosting the OFSSA final, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School women's volleyball team hosted the Kawartha Championship last week.

HHSS volleyball coach Paul Morissette said several coaches expressed praise for how well-organized the tournament was and were encouraging about future championship tournaments to be held at the school.

"In the future we will want to host other tournaments at the junior and the senior levels," Morissette said.

In the championship tournament, the Senior Red Hawks split games with Holy Cross, kept it close with the Kenner Rams, nearly taking both games, but were clearly outclassed by the eventual Kawartha Champions from Cobourg East. Cobourg went undefeated through pool play and dominated the championship final against Lakefield to the tune of 25-12 and 25-7.

The home team played tough and hard for every point, Morissette said.

Throughout the season two players, co-captains Cheryl Ropley and Cassie Hie, stood shoulders above the rest, keeping the team's spirits up despite being over-matched through most of the season, he said.

"They were leaders on and off the court," he said, adding all the players did their very best, enjoying the games for what they were... fun.

The wins may have been few this season, but camaraderie and friendship were lasting medals awarded to this tight-knit team.



Len Pizzey/TIMES

HHSS volleyball player Kristen Stackhouse gets up for the tip in Kawartha Championship action last week at the school. The Red Hawks played host to the Kawartha championships last week. While they were competitive, the Red Hawks fell short against a powerful Cobourg team which dominated the Kawartha championship.

Peewee A Storm hockey team takes early retirement

by **PATTI TALLMAN**
Special to The Times

The Gary Burch Construction Peewee A hockey team played its final playoff game on Saturday, February 8 in Ennismore. They boys rose to the occasion with great enthusiasm, meeting Ennismore at center ice for some very exciting hockey. Both teams had a sense of eagerness and the drive to play.

The Storm passed the puck well but Ennismore was very dominating, staying one step ahead of the visiting team. Ennismore started the scoring and came up with four goals spaced out over the first period.

The Storm players regrouped for the second period and had opportunities for shots but just couldn't buy a goal at that point. They played back and forth from end to end, covering all the bases, holding Ennismore off from getting any more goals.

In the third period the Storm boys came out hungry for the puck. They had ample shots on net but again they just couldn't get it by the Ennismore goalie. Late in the third period Matt Eno made a nice play and popped the puck in for a beauty goal.

This seemed to give the guys a little more to hope for late in the third. They pulled out all the stops and the lines pushed full speed ahead. They made some beauty passes and had some awesome shots but to no avail, they couldn't come up with another goal.

The game ended with a 4-1 win for Ennismore.

The Storm team ended its season a little sooner than anticipated, but that's hockey. You never know which way the game will go.

The season was played with two awesome goalies who were

totally devoted to the game. Paddy Manuge and Nathan Woodcock played their hearts out every game blocking some shots that I know I wouldn't care to stand in front of. They shared the ice time and played in many tournaments throughout the year having no problems keeping up the pace, sometimes playing three games in one day. They never backed down, showing how dedicated to the team they were. They should both be very proud of the job well done playing goal for this team.

Each of the players was as dedicated to each other as the parents were to their kids. The players showed up for the games longing to play. The parents loved watching their kids do what they wanted to do - play hockey. The kids provided the parents with some great hockey entertainment. All 15 players should be proud and happy for their accomplishments. Congratulations to a job well done boys!

The team players included: Paddy Manuge and Nathan Woodcock in goal; on defence - Collin Callaghan, Steven Miscio, Lane Schmid, Todd Simms; and the offensive players - Derek Carpenter, Matt Eno, Brady Hicks, Robby Hicks, Robert Lowes, Davis Reynolds, Chace Thurston and Jessee Tallman. Team officials were: Coach Greg Carpenter, Assistant Coach Bob Woodcock, Trainer Mark Eno, Manager George Schmid and Manager Ron Callaghan.

The coaching staff was supportive to each of the players, giving the team endless hours of volunteer time over the whole season. It was a very exciting year of hockey, having the opportunity to explore parts of Ontario some of the families had not yet seen. The team may play some exhibition games over the next month, so watch for the announcement so you can go to the arena and watch some more hometown hockey.

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A Division winners of the Rockbuster Bonspiel in Minden on the February 14-16 weekend were, left to right: Lead Chris Charles, vice Clarence DeWinter, second Dave Skelcher and skip Darren McIlwrath of Newmarket.

Another Rockbuster Bonspiel is History

by SANDY COLE
Special to The Times

This year's Rockbuster saw 20 teams compete in this three-day event. It was topped off with a scrumptious pig roast for the players to feast on. There were many very close games, with some going to extra ends to determine a winner.

The A flight winners were the Darren MacIlwreath rink of Newmarket, B flight winners were the Bob Johnston rink of Haliburton, C flight winners were the Jake Walker rink of Minden and D flight winners were the Ian Cavanaugh rink of Oshawa.

Kudos to Rob Eaton, Kat Wilson and their team of never-ending workers for the great spiel. Well done!

Next year will be the 20th anniversary of the Rockbuster and rumour has it that it will be a happening affair both on the ice and at the dinner table! What could they be planning? You will have to sign up to find out.

Remember March 1 is the annual Italian night bonspiel. Sign your team up now before it's too late.

Ladies are reminded that the annual Sweep Into Spring Bonspiel will be held

on Saturday, March 28. This event fills up very quickly so sign up right away or you could miss out. Contact Cheryl Murdoch for details and sign up at the club.

Monday Night Ladies

Nancy Garbutt 9, Pat Campbell 3
Zelda Cooper 8, Linda Eaton 3
Melanie Vigrass 8, Pat Woodcroft 2

Tuesday Night Mens

Rob Eaton 7, Ted Wilkes 5
Dave Blakey 9, Jim Garbutt 8
Ted Wilkes 10, Peter McNeillage 6
Dan Garbutt 10, Alf Trotter 0
Ed Cyr Jr 10, Bill Roodenburg 2

Thursday Night Mixed

Ted Wilkes 8, Pat Campbell 6
Melanie Vigrass 7, Bill Roodenburg 3
Jim Pollard 7, Fred Simmons 7
Jack Taylor 7, Peter McNeillage 7
Jim Garbutt 10, Harvey Kivela 5
Bruce Fisher 11, Rob Eaton 4

Friday Night Mixed

Cheryl Murdoch 9, Murray Cooper 2
Dan Garbutt 8, Paul Prentice 3
Brian Cross 10, Sherdon Kellett 0
Jake Walker 9, Doug Ray 6



The B Division title went to a Haliburton team. They are, left to right: Vice Greg Scheffee, lead Goldie Foster, skip Bob Johnston and second Bob MacNaull.



C Division honours went to the Minden rink of, left to right: Lead Boris Semchishin, second Cory Walker, skip Jake Walker and vice Bob Walli.



Winners of the D Division were, left to right: Lead Doug Brown, skip Gerald Normandeau, Wilf Wityshn and Ian Cavanaugh of Oshawa and Minden.

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Municipality of Highlands East - Job Posting Fire Chief Highlands East Fire Department

The Municipality of Highlands East is seeking a highly motivated individual to lead the Highlands East Fire Department. As the Fire Chief you will be responsible for the planning and operations of the Municipal Fire Department to serve and protect the public and to enforce the Ontario Fire Code, local by-laws, Provincial and Federal legislation within the municipality.

As the Fire Chief you will be reporting to the Council through the CAO/Clerk Treasurer, you will be required to perform a variety of technical, administrative and supervisory functions relating to the management and administration of the Fire Department. Including training, fire prevention programs, fire inspections, public education, completion of reports, statistical and data recording, emergency communications and ensuring the maintenance of the departments facilities and equipment are carried out. Preparing the annual budget for the department and attending council and committee meetings when requested to do so by the CAO/Clerk Treasurer. The Fire Department consists of six stations staffed with volunteers four of the stations have a District Chief. The management and operations of the Fire Department are currently under review by the Council.

As the successful candidate you will possess post secondary education in a fire technology related discipline, or related qualifications and experience, leadership level Fire Department experience is a desired quality along with a demonstrated team building background. Your proven leadership qualities along with your solid knowledge of the service, strong team-management style and highly developed leadership, intercommunication and inter-personal skills are essential to effectively respond to all issues relating to the Fire Department. A very important aspect of the position is the ability to successfully interface with the Officers and Members of the Volunteer department, members of Council, and the public.

Salary Range: Currently under review
Hours of work: Approximately 25 hours a week

Detail Resumes, indicating education, experience, references, and salary expectations to be forwarded no later than 16:30 Hrs on March 24, 2003 to:

Fire Chief Competition
Attention of: Tom Powell
Municipality of Highlands East, Box 295, Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0



Don Ballantyne, draw master of the Ridgewood Ford Bonspiel, right, presents the trophy to winning team, left to right: Lead Bruce White, vice Earl Fagin, second John Hunter and skip Stew Mitchell

Bracebridge rink wins Ridgewood Ford Bonspiel

Sixteen teams of curlers came to Minden from as far as Port Hope, Orillia, Bancroft and Huntsville to compete in the 9th annual Ridgewood Ford Bonspiel on February 18. The event is hosted by the Minden Seniors' Curling Club.

A tremendous amount of comradery among the curlers was exhibited. The curlers enjoyed some very keen competition and an excellent hot lunch.

At the end of the day, the team comprised of skip Stew Mitchell, vice Earl Fagin, second John Hunter and lead Bruce White from the South Muskoka (Bracebridge) Curling Club earned the first place trophy. The team won the 9 a.m. draw and took first overall. The Mitchell rink last won the trophy in 2001 and is always a top contender at this bonspiel.

The Minden rink skipped by Ross Davies was a very close second in the 9 a.m. draw. Davies' team included

vice Peter MacNeilage, second Murray Cooper and lead Bruce Fisher.

The 11 a.m. draw was won by the team from the Dalewood Golf and Curling Club in Port Hope, skipped by Peter Leamont, with vice Roger Tatz, second Ray Inch and lead Peter Kurith. Second place in the 11 a.m. draw went to the Woodville team skipped by Arnold Padtrson, with vice Joe Willemse, second Bruce McAlpine and lead Berry Padtrson.

"Many thanks, once again, go to Larry Moynes and Ridgewood Ford for their continued support of this bonspiel; to the Minden Seniors' Curling Club ladies, who catered it; and to all the curlers who participated - maintaining Minden's reputation as the best Senior Men's Bonspiel in the area," said Don Ballantyne, draw master of the event.

North Kawartha Sr. Men's Curlers wrap up season at Minden Club

by GORD WRIGHT
Special to The Times

The last bonspiel of the North Kawartha Senior Men's tour between Minden, Haliburton, Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls curling clubs was at Minden on February 11. Too bad it is the last as the fellows seem to be really enjoying their get-togethers. The morning gallery saw 10 spectators and very quiet too, while the afternoon game had some 20 out with two or three whispering. One of the whisperers was the President of the Haliburton Club, Chester Howes. It was very good to see him to bolster his teams.

Attending were the rinks from Bobcaygeon skipped by Norm Budgen and John Cluff; rinks from Haliburton skipped by Ed Pickard and Don Cameron; rinks from Fenelon Falls skipped by Derek Warren and Doug Cox and from Minden skips Don Ballantyne and Stan Hill. Winners, with 36 points, were skip Stan Hill, vice Andy Boivin second Dave Heaven and lead Ralph Newton. With 33.25 points, skip Derek Warren, vice Russ Thompson, second Bruce Beatty and lead John Ekins. With 23.5 points skip John Cluff, vice Gary Stokx, second John Strubb and lead Hugh Langille. Next was a tie at 22.75 points between skip Norm Budgen, vice Don Brant, second Bob Sharpe and lead Burnie Nobert and the team of skip Don Cameron, vice Bill Watson, second Brian Murison and lead Stu Bottomley.

Norm Budgen was the winner of the tie breaker. The Minden MC Peter McNeilage sure did a super job as did the ladies from the ladies club in making and serving such a wonderful lunch, we do thank you. Next game, test your memory, will be in Bobcaygeon in November.



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NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION HIGHWAY 35 RECONSTRUCTION Miners Bay northerly to Haliburton Road 121

Triton Engineering Services Limited has been retained by the Ministry of Transportation to complete the Detail Design for Highway 35 from 8.1 kilometres north of the Victoria/Haliburton County boundary, northerly for 10.4 kilometres (G.W.P. 81-99-00).

Proposals to improve the operational capacity and safety of this section of Highway 35 consists of:

- two new passing lanes and alignment improvements;
- shoulder widening;
- drainage improvements;
- highway repaving;
- frost heave repairs;
- northbound left turn lanes at Gull Lake Road #26, Gull Lake Road #28, and the north and south entrances to Pine Ridge Road; and
- a southbound left turn lane at Davis Lake Road.

This study has followed an approved planning process for Group "B" projects under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) with the opportunity for public input throughout. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been prepared and is available for a 30 day public review at:

Ministry of Environment - 2nd Floor, South Tower, 300 Water Street, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 8M5
Ministry of Transportation, 4th Floor Environmental Unit, - 447 McKeown Avenue, North Bay, Ontario P1B 9S9
Township of Minden Hills Office - 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
Triton Engineering Services Limited - 18 Robb Boulevard, Unit 8, Orangeville, Ontario L9W 3L2
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If after reviewing the TESR and consulting with design staff, you believe that serious concerns remain unresolved, you may request that the project be subject to an Individual Environmental Assessment. This decision rests with the Minister of Environment.

For more information contact:

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HHSS curlers advance

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's curling teams did well at the Kawartha West Curling championships, earning a second- and fourth-place finish.

The women's team came fourth: Skip Sarah Oakley; Vice Joann Varty; team members Debbie Ray, Erica Fearrey, Amy Nicholls, Val Muise, Karen Cox-Gurdon.

Playing against the Fenelon Falls Falcons, who went to OFSSA last year, the Red Hawks were close in the early going, but couldn't keep pace with the Falcons who are clearly a curling powerhouse. The Falcons won 16-2.

In their second game, against Campbellford, the Red Hawks regrouped and won the match 14-1 in a one-sided game.

They also won 12-6 against St. Thomas but lost against I.E. Weldon and LCVI. (Scores were unavailable)

Overall records:

1. IEW	5-0
2. FFSS	4-1
3. LCVI	3-2
4. HHSS	2-3
5. St. Thomas	1-4
6. Campbellford	0-5

The HHSS men's team came second: Skip, Rob Ainsley; Vice Ryan Cole; Second Charles Taylor; Lead Jeff Sobil; Alternate Scott Fennell.

The Red Hawks lost the 8-5 game against the Fenelon Falls Falcons, but won 8-2 over Campbellford, 7-3 against St. Thomas and scored wins over I.E. Weldon and LCVI (scores unavailable.)

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Red Hawk wrestlers OFSAA Bound

Nine wrestlers from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School travelled to Trenton on February 19 to compete at the Central Ontario Secondary Schools (COSSA) Wrestling Championships.

Wrestlers placing in the top two of their weight category earn a berth at the Ontario Championships (OFSAA).

Four students from HHSS wrestled their way to silver medal honours and will compete at OFSAA.

The Men

Jason Lougheed placed second in the 104 pound weight class. Jason is the first male wrestler to represent HHSS at the Ontario Championships.

The Women

Haliburton's women wrestlers rank fourth among all COSSA schools. Earning fourth-place honours were Noelle Johnson, Melanie Howitt and Kori Hissa, who wrestled the best match of her season in the consolation finals. COSSA silver medalists are Kira Fry, Ashley Cameron and Amelia Ambridge, who advance to compete at the OFSAA Championships.

The coaches are extremely pleased with the results of this year's competitive season. The team continues to improve to prepare for OFSAA which will host over 450 wrestlers vying for provincial gold.



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SEALED TENDERS, on the forms supplied, will be received at the County Administration Building, Roads Department, 3 St. Germaine Street, Minden, Ontario, until:

12:00 Noon local time on Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Tender Documents will be available, for viewing only, at each of the four Municipal offices and the County of Haliburton Roads Department office.

Tender Documents may be obtained from the County of Haliburton Roads Department office upon payment of a fifty (\$50.00) dollar. NON-REFUNDABLE deposit.

The Tender Document relates to the supply and installation of intersection and property marker signage on all high & low speed County roads, municipal roads and private roads within the County of Haliburton. A list of all applicable roads will be provided in the Tender Document.

The lowest or any bid received may not necessarily be accepted.

For further information contact:
Roy Haig, Engineering Services Manager
at (705) 286-1762



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton hereby provides notification of a Preliminary Budget meeting to be held on **Wednesday, March 12th, 2003, commencing at 1:00 o'clock pm** at the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden. Any interested individuals are welcome to attend.

Gary King, CAO
County of Haliburton



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TRUCK & EQUIPMENT OWNERS

Truck Registration Forms for Tandems and Tri-Axies are now available at the County Roads Department for the 2003 Construction Season.

Equipment for Hire Forms are also available at the County Roads Department.

Forms to be returned by Tuesday, March 11, 2003
2:00 p.m. local time



NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on behalf of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton, that Application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario for special legislation stating that the *Homes for the Aged and Rest Homes Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.13, as amended*, does not apply to the Corporation of the County of Haliburton.

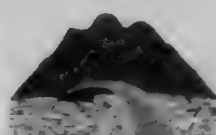
This Application will be considered by the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills. Any person who has an interest in the Application and who wishes to make submissions for or against the Application, to the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills should notify, in writing, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A2.

DATED at the County of Haliburton this 3rd day of February, 2003.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
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Per: Gary King
Chief Administrative Officer

NOTICES



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Information Meeting

Rural Water Quality Protection Programs for
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Minden Community Centre
Thursday, February 27th, 2003,
7:00 p.m.

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- Nutrient Management Plan
- Silage Storage Remediation
- Fertilizer/Nutrient Solution Management in Greenhouses
- Erosion Control Structures
- Fragile Land Retirement

This meeting will provide ideas for projects as well as information about the funding available and the application process.

For more information Contact: Bill Olan, Program Administrator
Township of Minden Hills,
Administration Office, Minden
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This meeting is sponsored by the Haliburton County Farmers Association



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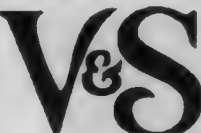


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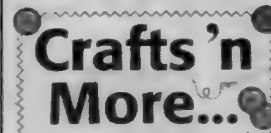
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Work in progress: *Andrew Mansfield a finalist for \$6,000 Wendy's scholarship*

 by **DARREN LUM**
Times staff

Long after he's designed countless bridges he'll be forever remembered for helping communities bridge the gaps between people.

HHSS student Andrew Mansfield, a young man from Minden eyeing a future as a civil engineer, was recently nominated as one of 72 finalists for the 2003 Classic Achiever High School Scholarship Awards Program sponsored by Wendy's Restaurants of Canada Inc.

The national educational scholarships are awarded to students who contribute greatly to their high school and community. The scholarship is worth \$6,000 to the male and female winners, while each of the 10 runners-up receives \$1,000.

"This will be a big, big help. I'm pretty much putting myself through school and I'm counting on student loans. This will help out a lot," says Andrew, who works at a local bowling alley two days a week doing everything from working the tables to working the grills.

"It will go towards tuition and living expenses. I'm not looking too much past that," Andrew said. "Basically, it can help make sure I can eat next year."

Even if he doesn't win, Andrew, who wants to eventually start his own construction business, has already won the hearts of the Haliburton Highlands through his dedication to the community.

The well-organized nominee has applied to Waterloo, U of T, McMaster, Queen's, but has always known where he wanted to go: Queens. He has dreamed of attending Queen's for some time. In Grades 9, 10, 11 he attended one-week courses in the Queens' mini-enrichment program. It included an introduction to the Internet and web design, introduction to engineering, and biomedical ethics.

"Through that program I got a good feel of the campus. It's obviously a beautiful campus. The engineering program there is fantastic. It's a really good atmosphere there," Andrew said.

The scholarship provides recognition for a young man better known for his humility than self-promotion. Former Grade 11 English teacher Traci Hubbert has nothing but

praise for the self-effacing Andrew.

"He's a genuinely hard-working, nice, young man," Traci said. "If only everyone was as dedicated as Andrew is... There's no one like Andrew."

As a student, she said, he's not one for excuses or to look for attention and find fault. Andrew does his work and he does it well.

"He's a perfect candidate (for the scholarship)," Hubbert said.

HHSS principal Gary Brohman feels strongly about who Andrew is as person.

"You can't meet a more respectful guy when it comes to his peers or his teachers or his community," Brohman says. "That's why he's a finalist; because he's an all-around good citizen, good guy and has goals that he's measured and they are achieved."



Soccer one of several sports Mansfield plays at HHSS

The school's runner-up for the scholarship and his current girlfriend, Amelia Ambridge, knows all too well how busy he is. Being the runner-up she is equally busy, but she's not holding any grudges.

"He definitely deserves it. He works hard," Amelia said. "He's always very busy. He's always doing something."

Aside from performing with the Haliburton Highlands Pipes & Drums, Andrew scored a game-winning goal in the first round of playoffs for the HHSS Red Hawks soccer team against the Fenelon Falls Falcons, earned an OFSSA silver medal in badminton on the mixed team with Cheryl Ripley, and led his high school basketball team as the captain.

For the last three years he has volunteered at the Minden Library, mainly for the community access program. Two summers ago he ran a story time program and in the past has helped with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Just this past summer he helped to organize the Heineken Yard race.

He's a perennial fixture in the high school, helping to organize dances, tutoring, being a friend to the participants of the "Lunch Buddies" program — assisting special needs students — and acting as a treasurer on the Student Activity Council.

"I don't get overworked. It just stays steady. I really don't get too stressed over it. Every activity has its time and place. I don't have to worry about it after it's done," Andrew says.

When asked why he spends so much time helping others, he says, "It's time I enjoy and it's time I don't have to be at work."

True to form he's well-grounded. If he shows any indications of a swelled head his parents bring him back to earth with some sound advice: "You've gone one step and still have one big step to go."

"We are so glad that he is in the running for this award. We wish him all the best," Brohman said.

Andrew expects to know the results in the first week of March.

Along with Andrew's nomination for the Wendy's scholarship, HHSS students Trevor Ottley and Amelia Ambridge received \$1,000 from the Canadian Merit Foundation. Two of three HHSS nominees were awarded the scholarships.

Some salty talk, and all the scores

Here in Galway, at the old Connemara farmhouse, there is little patience with superstitions. We both walk under the occasional ladder, and stay calm when black cat Clarence crosses our path. The line is drawn, however, about leaving shoes on the kitchen table. This is not because bad luck will surely befall the wearer. We just happen to have only one decent set of place mats. When we were growing up, both sets of parents would throw spilled salt over the left shoulder to ward off certain disaster. That habit continues here; it must be genetic.

This week's mail brought a delightful gift from our niece in Galway, Ireland. "Old Moore's Almanac 2003", first published by Theophilus Moore in 1764, is full of Irish treasures. My favourite is the "New Salt Magick Rites." Believers in salt lore never enter a new home or swear an oath without salt present. On the doorstep salt keeps unwanted persons away, and a new baby is never allowed to leave home without it. Best of all, money problems can apparently be solved by sprinkling salt on those lottery and pool coupons.

Moving the shoes on the table looking for the salt shaker? It's tucked in my coat pocket. I hope none spills on the way to Kinmount for the weekly 649 ticket. If so, I'll just have to stop and throw some over my left shoulder.

Members of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild are pleased to report that the renovations primarily required by code are now completed at its Kinmount Artisans Marketplace. Everyone is welcome to join them for an Open House on Saturday, March 1 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. with an official reopening ceremony to take place at 1:30 p.m.

A five-week workshop is being offered by The New Beginnings Bereavement Support Group. It is open to anyone experiencing a grief situation. The series begins on Tuesday, March 4 at 2 p.m. in the Family Centre, Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, located at 127 Main Street, Minden.



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The Haliburton Knitting Group would welcome new members and/or donations of wool for its charitable projects. If you can help, please call Dianna at 286-4609 or Gwen at 457-2880.

SCORING NEWS: Another cold week but great to hear that around our towns, people are keeping busy and well.

Thursday, February 13 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In the most lone hands column it was Bess Cox for the ladies and Bill Van Dyke for the men. Idella Gault and Kevin Maloney recorded the high scores, with Theresa Deak and Joyce Broersma taking the lows. Other prizes went to Helen Skelding, Georgina Parkes and our reporter May Bradbury, who was a double winner.

Friday, February 14 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Stan Dutka had the only moonshot, while Garth Windsor held the hidden score. Barb Robitaille led the pinks with 247, followed by Marj Coffey 241 and Helen Windsor 229. Top spot for the white cards went to Dick Coffey 275, then Stan Dutka 273 and Chris Clarke 230.

Friday, February 14 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/south winners were Maria and Nick Lehoczyk 62%, with Stella McMillan and Ross Davies second at 60%. Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf led in east/west with 57%, followed by Ev Morgan partnered with Freda Norman at 53%.

Saturday, February 15 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: First place went to June Branning 285, with Margaret Fletcher 277 second. Hidden score holders were Pat Roussel, Ruth Kellett and Sharon Evans, with Milton Fletcher, June Branning and Gala Stamp taking the moonshots. Everyone enjoyed celebrating birthdays for Jack Chilton, Kevin Maloney and Chris Clarke, with a slice of Elli Langpohl's famous cake.

Monday, February 17 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Norm Lee had the high score and Gala Stamp the low. Lone hands winner Georgina Deeks congratulated Pearl Cowen on her special prize.

Monday, February 17 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Lone hand honours went to Helen Windsor, while Jean Randell and Alvin Cowen recorded the high scores. The evening's lows went to Barb Robitaille and Tom Orr, with Jean Dutka winning the baloney.

Monday, February 17 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Dean Chambers took top spot with Verna McDonald second and Syd Adamson third. Draws were a family affair, going to Syd and Lois Adamson, along with Pat Scadden.

Monday, February 17 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: For the ladies/ gents Gwen Cox and Ed Hisson took the high scores, with Gladys Nesbitt and Norm Lee recording the lows. Don Hicks and Mary Goldsmith took most lone hands, while Verna McDonald and Mary Goldsmith were the draw winners. That furry critter not only visited both Gladys Nesbitt and Jack Chilton but brought birthday greetings to Jack as well.

Monday, February 17 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: In first was Idella Gault, with Elli Langpohl second and Marjorie Paradis winning the draw. Six moonshots landed on Idella Gault, Elli

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Accountant John Wonfor of BDO Dunwoody LLP in Toronto. "In order to qualify, either you or your spouse must be enrolled as a full-time student in an education or training program of at least three months' duration."

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To avoid taxation on the withdrawals, you must repay the funds to your RRSP in equal installments over 10 years," adds Wonfor. "The date of the first repayment depends on when you cease to become a full-time student, but the latest you can start repaying is 60 days after the fifth year following the first withdrawal. You can also participate in the plan more than once, providing your previous withdrawal has been fully repaid."

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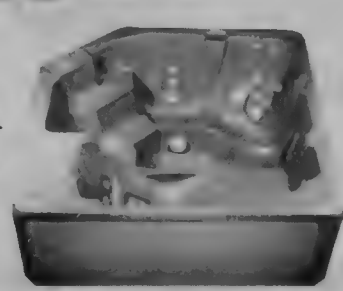
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Langpohl, Ida Young, Esther Lee, Marjorie Paradis and Theresa Deak.

Tuesday, February 18 contract bridge at Stanhope: Two slams were recorded by Mary and Len McNeice and June Branning with Stella McMillan. Mel Bain led the top scoring quartet with 7690, followed by June Branning 6730, Stella McMillan 5850 and Reet Murray 5730. The lucky draw prize went to Stan Hill. There were two Special Awards, with Mel Bain taking home the "TBOOE" accepting that he was "The Bain Of Our Existence" at least on that afternoon. For his magical prowess Jim Foster received the "TNTDT" or "The No Trump Disappearing Trick" Award.

Tuesday, February 18 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Top spot went to Len Kroes, with Edith Burch second and Gala Stamp third. Single moonshots landed on Margaret and Milton Fletcher, along with Betty Ambrosic, while Elva Paisley had two. Hidden score holders were Ruth Kellett, Jean Scadden and Betty Ambrosic.

Tuesday, February 18 Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: In first with 363 points was Alf Briscoe going solo, then at 339 Syd Lockhart and Beverley Alexander. Third spot went to Hazel Dorman teamed with

Helen Skelding 303, while Leroy Eager and Pearl Cowen took the low score at 174.

Tuesday, February 18 euchre at Gelert: A good turnout saw Betty Curry record the ladies high score and our reporter Audrey Vick the low. For the gents it was Rick McElwain high and Don Hicks low. Lorna Hicks held the most lone hands and Don Curry won the special draw.

Wednesday, February 19 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: Using the Howell Method the top three scores went to Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher 59%, then Hal Beach teamed with Vic Mathews 56.9% and Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf 56.8%.

Wednesday, February 19 bid euchre at Stanhope: There were six moonshots, going to Pearl Cowen, Ken Wallace, Gala Stamp, Ruth Kellett, Garth Windsor and Dick Coffey. Olive Jones led the pinks with 312, then Edith Burch 287 and Gala Stamp 271. For the white cards it was Chris Clarke 294, followed by Esther Lee 271 and Garth Windsor 267.

Wednesday, February 19 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: High lady was Theresa Deak, with Marg Viney low. For the gents it was Ted Wilkins taking the high score and Harold Harvie the low. Most lone hand honours went to Roger Fournier, while Ted Wilkins took home the draw prize.

Men fined \$1,900 for deer hunting violations

Three Ontario men have been fined \$1,910 on charges related to illegal deer hunting.

Livio Ottogalli, 57, of Bolton, Ontario has been fined \$1,000 for hunting an antlerless deer without a validation tag and \$500. for transporting wildlife unlawfully possessed - both violations under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. Andrew Ottogalli, 25, of North York, Ontario, and Franco Parravani, 42, of Udora, Ontario, have each been fined \$205 for possessing illegally killed wildlife.

Livio Ottogalli shot an antlerless white-tailed deer during the fall deer hunt in 2002, while he was a member of a hunt camp adjacent to Victoria County Forest. He did not have a licence to take an antlerless deer in that Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). After the deer was shot, Ottogalli and the other two men transported the deer to a cottage in another WMU, where it was tagged.

Ministry of Natural Resources Minden Area Conservation Officers checked the hunting party on November 4, 2002, and discovered the violations.

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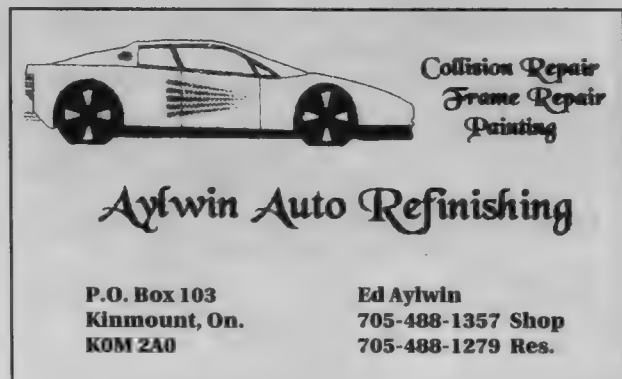
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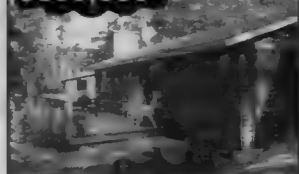
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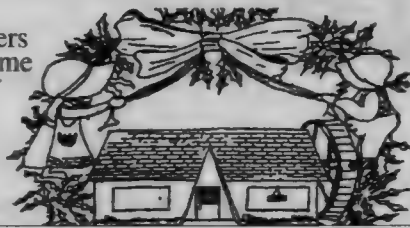


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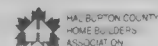
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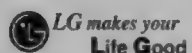
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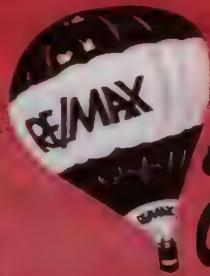
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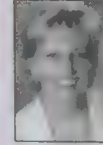
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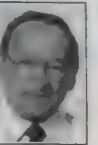
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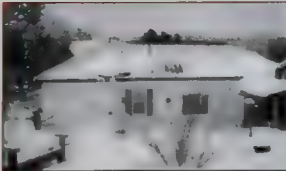
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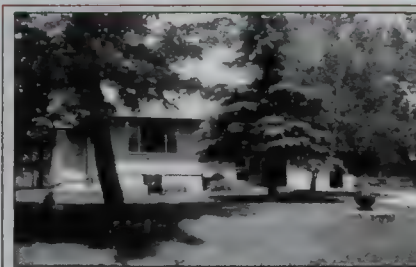
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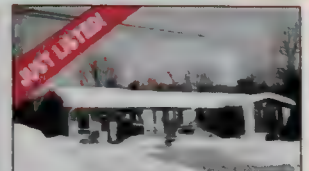


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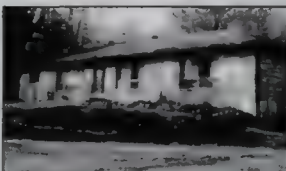
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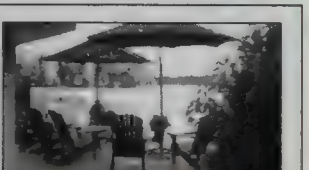
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Stanhope Community Centre
February 27, 2003
7:30 p.m.
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BAGSHAW - In loving memory of the Family.: Mom, Annie - Jan. 5, 1966; Dad, Thomas - Dec. 17, 1968; Brother, Thomas - Feb. 26, 1950; Brother Alick - Feb. 27, 1989.

Our thoughts are ever with them, Though they have gone their way And we who loved them dearly Are thinking of them today.
Sadly missed by Clara & family.

HORSLEY - In loving memory of my sister who passed away one year today February 14, 2002. Margaret Horsley. Sadly missed along life's way, Quietly remembered every day, No longer in my life to share, But in my heart your always there.
Remembering our many years, Ruby.

460 OBITUARIES

DOROTHY G. BOWEN
Passed away peacefully at home in Kinmount on Friday, February 14, 2003 In her 78th year.

Beloved wife of the late Gordon Bowen. Loving mother of Cheryl Lafferty and Linda McGillivray, mother-in-law of Jack Lafferty and Bill McGillivray, predeceased by her son Gordie. Loving grandmother of Jamie and Cheryl, Kristy and Alan, Adam, Ben and great grandmother of Summer. Dear sister of Reg and June Munns. A special thanks goes to Dr. Elena Mihiu and Nellie who took care of Dorothy. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Sunday, February 16, 2003 from 1:00 pm until the time of the Memorial Service in the Chapel at 2:00 pm. Cremation. A reception was held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #441 Kinmount (upstairs). Memorial donations to the Kinmount and District Health Centre would be greatly appreciated by the family. CA

LEE, Pearl Jean Marion (nee Brown): Passed away after a short illness at the Kingston General Hospital on Friday, February 21, 2003. In her 78th year. Beloved wife of the late Bert Lee, dear mother of Diane Butson, Brian Lee (Nancy), and Glenn Lee (Carol). Loving grandmother of Frank, Kim, Glenn, Kirsten and Brendan. Dear sister of Shirley, Arlene, Edna and June. Fondly remembered by her companion Willard McPhail. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden (1-888-588-5777) from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm on Monday. Then to Maple Lake United Church for Funeral Service Tuesday, February 25, 2003 at 1:00 pm. Spring interment Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Church (downstairs). Memorial donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation would be appreciated by the family. CA

460 OBITUARIES

KINSMAN, RICHARD HERALD - It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Richard at his residence Binbrook on Thursday, February 20, 2003, in his 71st year. Beloved husband and best friend of Dorothy (Sheppard). Dear father of Rick (Bev) of Minden, Carolyn (Greg) Ludlow of Peterborough and Marilyn (Ed) Roberts of Waterloo. Beloved son of Ona Kinsman and the late Richard A. Kinsman. Brother of Betty and Elwood Laidman of Binbrook, Jack and Marion Kinsman of Coldwater and Joan and Ted Shelley of Katrine. Lovingly remembered by 5 grandchildren Rich and Andy Kinsman, Heather Ludlow and Amanda and Jenna Roberts. Mr. Kinsman was a resident of the Minden area for 25 years. A member of the Carnarvon United Church & former Stanhope Firechief. A Memorial Service was held at the Binbrook United Church on Sunday, February 23. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Binbrook United Church or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. CA



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- Looking for Team Leaders!** To help to improve the quality of life for people with spinal cord injury. Organize a Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion event on Saturday, June 14th, 2003 for Rick Hansen Man in Motion Foundation. Contact: Sandee Mann, 1-800-213-2131, www.rickhansen.com.
- CLIMAX Climbing Club** every Tuesday at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for Parents and Children under 13 years, and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for teens and adults. Drop-in indoor rock climbing. For more information contact Greg Shantz at Family Services 457-5345.
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** has arrived in Haliburton. Please join us at The Home Support Drop-In Centre (behind the Home Hardware). Every Wednesday - Weigh in at 10 a.m. followed by a short meeting. For further information please call Donna Medland 754-4464.
- Join the Walking Club**, week day morning walks sponsored by the Haliburton Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In Minden, people can walk from 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. For more information call Morris Duff at 286-6079.
- The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.
- ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM** for women 50 years and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment. 705-328-6175
- Every Thursday:** 12 noon Haliburton Highlands Senior Citizen Club weekly luncheon at Haliburton Legion. Join us for good food, fun and fellowship.
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- Haliburton County Home Support's** trip to Mamma Mia on April 23 is now full. We are taking bookings for a second trip to Mamma Mia on Saturday, May 24. Please call Sheri for more information at 457-2941, or Adele at 448-2838.
- Haliburton County Home Support** has an ongoing Treasure Table in the Drop in Center. Drop by with your change and check out our table. We appreciate any donations towards our table...please no clothing. For more info call 705-457-2941.
- Haliburton County Home Support** has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a SECURITY CHECK PHONE CALL. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
- February 7 to April 11:** Yoga with Pat Stegmaier at the Dorset Rec Centre. Fridays 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Registration required, call 766-9968 in at the Rec Centre. Please bring a blanket. Also, bring your yoga mat if you have one.
- February 27:** Notice of Annual General Meeting: Friends of St. Stephen's Heritage Church (Boskung) Inc. Stanhope Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend this meeting. All welcome!
- February 28:** Alzheimer Society Family / Caregiver Group held at 1:00 p.m. at the Kinmount and District Health Centre. Open group. A portable library is also available in your area for home viewing.
- March 1:** Winter Camping and Travel Safety Skills. learn to stay warm, dry and safe whether day-tripping or overnight camping in the winter months. Hone your skills with a trek through the forest in search of that perfect campsite to try your hand at building various types of winter shelters, collecting firewood and cooking on an open campfire. For more information or to register, contact Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network at (705) 286-1760 or 1-800-461-7677 or e-mail at info@trailsandtours.on.ca
- March 1:** Ice Fishing Derby at Salerno Lake, Irondale. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Irondale Community Centre. The Organizers promote "Live Release" All MNR Regulations Apply. Live Bait, Supplies, BBQ & Refreshments Available at Registration. For more information contact: Barry at 447-2380, Sabine at 447-2313 or Bonnie at 447-2890 or email: communitycenter@irondalebiz.com
- March 2:** Razzmatazz Kids Shows - Ballet Creole presenting "Toute Baghai" at 2 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion. Tickets available at the door.
- March 4:** St. Paul's Anglican Church Minden invites you to their Annual Pancake Supper at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Bring your family! Bring your friends! Everyone is welcome! Call for more information.
- March 4:** Pancakes, sausages & toppings at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by St. Margarets Church. Call for more information.
- March 5:** The Laryngectomy and Family Support Group welcomes laryngectomees and their families to its monthly meeting from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at the Canadian Cancer Society at 727 Lansdowne St. W. in Peterborough, ON. Please feel free to contact CCS at 705-742-3823 or Jim Riel at 705-745-3178.
- March 5:** "Talk To Me, Read To Me" Workshop for parents of children ages birth to 2 years. 1:30 p.m. at C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre (Minden). Lois Robertson, Ontario Early Years Literacy Specialist, is our guest speaker. Call 286-1770 for information or to sign up.
- March 6:** An Invitation to the Community: Alpha is here, at St. James Anglican Church in Kinmount. An opportunity to explore the meaning of life. A ten week course over the lunch hour, beginning March 6, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Video presentation by Niki Gumble followed by interesting discussions. For more information and registration please call the Parish of Minden-Kinmount at 286-2541.
- March 7 to 29:** "Lenswork" - An exhibition of photography by Jennifer Boksmán and David Broadhurst at The Lindsay Gallery, 190 Kent Street West. Free admission. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 324-1780 for details.
- March 10 to 14:** For fun in the theatre come to Kawartha Lakes Summer Playhouse March break Theatre Arts Camp! It will run from March 10 to 14, 2003. The times will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily at the Academy Theatre in Lindsay. For registration please call (705) 324-9411 ext. 301 or 204.
- March 13 to 15:** Vicky's Values is holding a BAG SALE. Come in and see all the bargains you can get on women's, men's and children's clothing. 9 Russell St. E in Lindsay. 10-4 weekdays and 10-1 on Saturdays. All proceeds are directed to supporting services to abused women and their children.
- March Break Activities at C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre (Minden):**
 - March 10:** "Weird Science" Make a lava lite and create an exploding rainbow.
 - March 11:** We will be making gauze and plaster face masks (wear your hair tied back).
 - March 12:** Activity morning with Bev Jackson. The theme will be "St. Patrick's Day".
 - March 13:** Bingo at 11 a.m. "Weird Science" - Make a flying phantom. Call 286-1770 for more info.
- March 24:** Hearing Clinic. registered hearing instrument specialist provides hearing tests, hearing aid recommendations & service, batteries, cleaning, counselling and hearing information. Call to reserve time, 705-286-6001-Minden Hearing Clinic.
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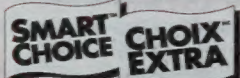
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